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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

DOWNEY - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Eastbound SR-91:

Nightly, Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Downey Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. – Long Beach Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to three regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.

Westbound SR-91:

Nightly, Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Long Beach Boulevard.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to two regular use lanes closed from Myrtle Avenue to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV and up to two regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Wilmington Avenue on and off-ramps.

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Westbound SR-91: (continued)

Nightly, Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Central Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Avalon Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Main Street on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Paramount Boulevard on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. - Long Beach Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Acacia Avenue on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Santa Fe Avenue off-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Cherry Avenue on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Santa Fe Avenue to Acacia Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Acacia Avenue to Avalon Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Downey Avenue to Myrtle Avenue.

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to “**Slow For The Cone Zone.**”

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